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With regard to claim 44 the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the feature **"outputting a tactile sensation based upon the speed of the cursor when the cursor engages the graphical target"**, this limitation is illustrated in 5,825,308 figure 13, column 25, line 30 - column 26, line 42 and col 27, line 60- column 28, line 9. The applicant has overcome the closest art of record Barber 5,973,670 filed Dec. 31, 1996 by showing support for his CIP of parent 5,825,308 filed Nov 26, 1996. No other references of record illustrate or suggest the above specific feature.

With regard to claims 56 and 66 the applicant has overcome the double patent rejection of claims 56 and 66 by filing a terminal disclaimer with 6,317,116. With further regard to claims 56 and 66 the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the feature; **"outputting a tactile feedback command to be provided to the interface device to cause a tactile sensation when the cursor engages the graphical target; detecting whether the cursor has moved to or past a trigger location in the graphical target; selecting a function within a graphical user**

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interface when the cursor has moved to or past the trigger location; and modifying the tactile sensation, the modifying being associated with the selecting of the function." None of the art of record illustrate these specific events in this order in combination with modifying tactile feedbacks.


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